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Via CM/ECF

Honorable Zahid N. Quraishi U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey Martin Luther King Building & U.S. Courthouse 50 Walnut Street, Courtroom 4W Newark, NJ 07101

> Re: Letter Motion Requesting Supplemental Briefing – CFTC v. Traders Global Group Inc., et al., 3:23-cv-11808-ZNQ-TJB (D.N.J.)

Dear Judge Quraishi,

We write as counsel for Traders Global Group Inc. (New Jersey) and Traders Global Group Inc. (Canada) (collectively, "My Forex Funds") and Mr. Murtuza Kazmi (together, "Defendants"). As the Court is aware, Defendants have moved urgently on several grounds to modify the pretrial statutory restraining order ("SRO") freezing all of Defendants' assets, including assets that neither derive from nor are traceable to the wrongdoing alleged in Plaintiff Commodity Futures Trading Commission's complaint. ECF Nos. 42, 73; see CFTC v. Am. Metals Exch. Corp., 991 F.2d 71, 78–79 (3d Cir. 1993) (a court "may exercise its equitable power" to freeze assets under the Commodity Exchange Act "only over the property causally related to the wrongdoing" (internal quotation marks omitted)).

This broad pretrial SRO imposes significant burdens on Defendants' ability to use legitimately obtained assets—including easily identifiable assets totaling at least \$792,302.47 CAD—to pay for expenses necessary to preserve the *status quo*, reasonable costs of living, and attorneys' fees. *See*, *e.g.*, ECF No. 42-1 at 13–14; ECF No. 42-5 \P 5–8; ECF No. 73 at 1 & n.1.

Defendants respectfully request an opportunity to provide further argument and factual explanation to support this request. If it would be of assistance to the Court, Defendants request that the Court allow supplemental briefing on this question. Given that time is of the essence, Defendants enclose herewith their proposed supplemental brief (**Exhibit A**), and request that the Court order the Commission to submit its supplemental letter brief within seven days—*i.e.*, on or before Thursday, October 26, 2023.

We conferred with counsel to the Commission in an attempt to resolve these issues without judicial intervention, but on October 13, 2023, the CFTC confirmed again that they will not agree to release any funds to Defendants at this time.

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We thank the Court for its prompt attention to these issues, and are available at the Court's convenience should there be any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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